

DISTRICT UPDATE


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DISTRICT NEWS

Hospital construction tracking well

The Fort Belvoir Community Hospital Military Construction project is tracking well, said Norfolk District Commander, Col. Dionysios Anninos, during a town hall meeting at Fort Belvoir, Va., Nov. 14. ([more](#))

It's open season on benefits

November 10 marks the start of the annual benefits open season for federal employees. The season ends on Dec. 8, and during this period, employees have the opportunity to make elections or changes in three benefits programs: health, supplemental dental and/or vision, as well as re-enroll or start a flexible spending account that allows employees to set aside pre-tax money for out-of-pocket medical or dependent care expenses. ([more](#))

ASA CW recognizes employee's work

Steve Martin, Norfolk District Regulatory project manager and environmental planner for the Institute for Water Resources, was presented a Commander's Award for Civilian Service from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, J. P. Woodley, for his significant contribution to prepare and finalize the Compensatory Mitigation Regulation.

Winter Preparation Week is Nov. 30 to Dec. 6

Virginia is overdue for a major statewide winter storm, and citizens should get ready now for the upcoming snow and ice season. ([more](#))

Time-in-grade requirement eliminated

Starting March 9, 2009, there is no longer a requirement for federal employees to be in a position for at least 52 weeks before receiving a promotion. Employees will still be required to meet the occupational qualification standard requirements and any additional job-related qualification requirements for the promoted position.

NORFOLK DISTRICT IN THE NEWS

Corps now receptive to Nassawadox Creek dredging ([The Daily Times](#))

Rt. 36 to close near Ft. Lee ([Progress-Index](#))

Asian oysters shelled by public ([Capital Gazette](#))



USACE/VA/DOD NEWS

Army promotes first woman four-star general

General Ann E. Dunwoody became the first female four-star general in the U.S. armed forces at a promotion ceremony last Friday in the Pentagon. ([more](#))

Schools bring hope to Iraq

Themes of hope dominate school openings and ribbon-cutting events throughout Iraq. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Gulf Region Division has overseen the renovation or new construction of nearly 1,100 schools, with another 38 still in construction phase. ([more](#))

Travel reimbursement increases for eligible veterans

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that eligible veterans would see an increase in the mileage reimbursement they receive for travel to VA facilities for medical care. ([more](#))

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Norfolk District Western Virginia Regulatory Section announces the reopening of the Blue Ridge Field Office. ([more](#))

Norfolk District announces a proposal to construct a mixed-use and north phases of a development known as "The Villages of Westchester" in Chesterfield County. ([more](#))